

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVENUE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room W140 West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

January 23, 2008

Members Present: Sen. Bill Hickman, Co-Chairman
Rep. Sheryl Allen, Co-Chairman
Sen. Gene Davis
Rep. Jim Bird
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Eastman
Rep. Julie Fisher

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist
Dr. Thomas Young, Economist
Jennifer Eyring, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Allen called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. and asked the committee and staff to introduce themselves.

Sophia DiCaro Goodick, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, provided the committee with the Governor's Budget Recommendations for the Department of Community and Culture, the Tax Commission, the Governor's Office of Economic Development, and USTAR.

Dr. Andrea Wilko gave an overview of the Budget Brief for the Department of Community and Culture Administration. Administration includes three areas; Executive Director, Information Technology, and Administrative Services. The digitization project will continue to be a major area needing funding, along with a lease increase of \$138,300 in FY 2009. The five Department goals were addressed. The recommended base budget for the Department is \$3,023,400. Nonlapsing funds are used for the Digitization project.

Palmer DePaulis, Executive Director, Department of Community and Culture, assisted by Ally Isom, Deputy Director, Department of Community and Culture, discussed three Building Block items. A new lease has been obtained with an increased cost of \$138,300. A request was made for a new FTE research analyst position at a cost of \$76,000 for salary and benefits. The need for this position and job responsibilities were explained. Digitization was reviewed through a handout outlining the eleven digitization projects and a slide presentation on the charter and focus of the project.

The Department is requesting \$1,000,000 one-time funds and \$500,000 ongoing funds with nonlapsing authority. Mr. DePaulis addressed questions from the committee.

Dan Burke, Director, Office of Museum Services, explained the budget request for Museums Services to increase the grants program to help local museums preserve collections.

Dr. Wilko gave an overview of the Budget Brief for the Division of Arts and Museums. The division has three program areas; Administration, Grants Program, and the Outreach Program. It also includes the line item for Museum Services. The Change Leader Program and the Creative Community Initiative were highlighted. The Division has requested that dedicated credits authority be increased by \$100,000 for FY 2008 and FY 2009. The recommended base budget is \$3,914,000 for Arts and Museums and \$420,900 for Museum Services.

Margaret Hunt, Director, Division of Arts and Museums, further explained the request for increased funding for museums. A new project for the Division is an online database of arts and cultural events entitled NowPlayingUtah.com. The Division is collaborating with other organizations and the travel industry. Salesforce.com is a project that coordinated databases for greater efficiency. The third project implemented is the Arts Collection Management System which is now using ContentDM in collaboration with State History and in partnership with Mountain West Digital Libraries Consortium and other entities.

The Division is requesting \$100,000 ongoing funds for Creative Community Grants, \$33,000 one-time funds and \$24,600 ongoing funds for Art Inventory, and \$200,000 ongoing funds and \$300,000 one-time funds for the Office of Museum Services. Nonlapsing authority was requested.

It was requested that Creative Community Grants be funded with ongoing funds instead of one-time funds as in the past. A chart showing the organizations that received grants and their use was discussed. Committee questions were addressed.

Newell Dayley, Chair, Utah Arts Council, reiterated the need for additional funding for grants and suggested that a strategic look at funding would be beneficial in the future.

Rep. Allen stated that she has sponsored HB 135 to help address the issue.

Margaret Hunt clarified that the Division did not request any increases in the grant program other than for Creative Community Grants.

Rep. Allen recognized John T. Nielsen, past Chair, Utah Arts Council.

Dr. Wilko gave an overview of the Budget Brief for the Division of State History. The Division has five programs; Administration, Libraries and Collections, Public History and Education, Historic Preservation and Antiquities, and History Projects and Grants. Issues concerning the Division include the funds to excavate and process ancient human remains found on private lands, a new shelving system to house the Glass Plate photo negative collection, and federal

grants available to help with historic preservation. The Division has requested intent language to expand the motor pool fleet by one vehicle. The recommended base budget is \$3,720,500 for the Division of State History and \$360,000 for the Historical Society.

Phil Notarianni, Director, Division of State History, introduced Michael W. Homer, Chair, Board of State History.

Michael W. Homer expressed appreciation from the board to be able to work with the Division and the Legislature to promote state history.

Phil Notarianni introduced Kristen Jensen, Project Manager for the Division of History. A slide presentation reviewed the purpose, goals, and accomplishments of the Division. The purpose is to preserve the past for the present and future and to make these items accessible to the public. Grant funding is leveraged to make the most efficient use of funds. The recovery of ancient human remains project was discussed.

Kristen Jensen used a slide presentation to discuss digitization projects and how the projects were prioritized. National Register Nominations are being digitized in cooperation with The National Park Services and will be available on their website as well as the Division of History website. A larger historic sites database is scheduled for digitization this year. Digitized information becomes available to the general public as well as State and Federal agencies through the Division's website and is a cost savings for those needing to research the data. The third digitization project is the Peoples of Utah pilot program based on the book published by the Historical Society in 1976. Digital collections require a large amount of storage and this issue continues to be addressed. Questions from the committee about storage and security were answered.

Phil Notarianni stated that the digitization of the collections is part of the preservation and conservation of State history. Londi Rowley, Budget and Accounting Officer, Division of State History, and Wilson Martin, Associate Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, presented the committee with photographs of the state capitol building under construction. The photos are from the glass plate negative collection by William Shipler. A \$75,000 supplemental funding request is for shelving for the glass plate negative collection as recommended by risk management. Nonlapsing authority was requested. History publications are being digitized in cooperation with the State Library for greater public access. Mr. Notarianni introduced Jerry Spangler.

Jerry Spangler, Executive Director, Colorado Plateau Archaeological Alliance, gave an update on the accessibility of digitized archaeological information. Savings are made in time and money to be able to access this information digitally. Mr. Spangler addressed the cost effectiveness of grants through leveraging and encouraged the committee to give this further consideration.

Phil Notarianni introduced Kevin Jones, State Archaeologist, Ron Rood, Assistant State Archaeologist, and Kevin Creps, from Nephi, Utah.

Kevin Creps spoke about his experience as a home builder with finding ancient human remains at a job site. He stated he found Ron Rood and the Division of State History to be efficient, timely and great to work with.

Phil Notarianni summarized the Division's work.

Dr. Wilko reminded the committee that requests for appropriations are due by noon on January 31, 2008.

Rep. Mascaro moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Allen adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Sen. Bill Hickman, Co-Chair

Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, Co-Chair